

constitution is really nothing less than criminal and I quote: "A constitutional convention is a dangerous opportunity of sapping the very foundation of the fabric of our society." Those are the words of James Madison. It's interesting to note that an amendment was proposed at the first convention in response to article five, the article in question which would have proposed a second constitutional convention. The amendment was voted down. The thirteen states voted unanimously to avoid a second constitutional convention. LR 152 is an attempt by a well organized and well intentioned group to attempt to gain access to means by which they can impose their beliefs on an unsuspecting public. Now I say unsuspecting because it would be left up to the Senators and Representatives of the various states to ratify the amendments to the constitution which the convention could propose. Now I say amendments, plural, because there is nothing to stop the delegates from dealing with any subject they so desire once they are in convention assembled. I'd like to quote right now from floor debate of 1976, and I quote: "So Senator Murphy, if you really want to do this then you're going to have to strike all that over and just go with calling a constitutional convention because I don't think you can limit it the other way. Secondly, can you call a constitutional convention only for the purpose of hearing a specific amendment? I don't believe so. Nobody knows what this constitutional convention is about. Nobody knows what is going to happen. The more we get involved with this the bigger fools we look like. If we go much further many of us could qualify for clowns in Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus."

PRESIDENT: You have one minute.

SENATOR REUTZEL: That was spoken by Senator Frank Lewis, one of the co-sponsors of this resolution calling for a constitutional convention. So what do we have before us from the proponents of this resolution? On one hand we have them saying and telling us we can limit a convention to one subject. It is now possible and there is no problem. On the other hand they tell us there is a bill before Congress right now to limit such a convention. Well we can't have it both ways. If we can do so now then why is there a bill in Congress to limit such a convention? This bill has been in Congress before. There is no guarantee that this bill will become law now. Why pass such a resolution until we have guidelines to work within? I sincerely believe that the best interests of the American people lie in waiting for Congress to legislate some controls such as now before Congress. There are many questions which have to be answered before we can act responsibly on this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Your time is up, Senator. Senator Cullan called for the previous question. Are there five seconds? I see five seconds. The question is shall debate now cease on the motion to commit this matter to committee. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 14 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers. Or debate does not cease. I'm sorry. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, I don't think that Senator DeCamp ought to be the issue while we discuss